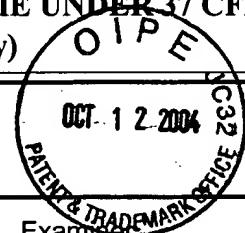


**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Large Entity)**

Docket No.  
 112843-031

In Re Application Of: Reniero et al.



Application No. 09/936,543	Filing Date January 7, 2002	Examiner D. Ware	Customer No. 29174	Group Art Unit 1651	Confirmation No. 7133
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Invention: **LACTIC ACID BACTERIA STRAINS CAPABLE OF PREVENTING DIARRHOEA**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of April 6, 2004 above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month       Two months       Three months       Four months       Five months  
 from: September 6, 2004      until: October 6, 2004  
 Date

The fee for the extension of time is \$550\* and is to be paid as follows: **\*\$980.00 - \$430.00**

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-1818
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 02-1818
- Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

**WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.**

Dated: **October 6, 2004**

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